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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 March 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-60 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-60 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 16 August 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-60 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-7, 9-21, 23-37, 39-51 and 53-60 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stautner et al. (US 6,172,677) in view of Bedard (US 5,801,747), and further in view of Nelson (US 5,710,605).

In regards to claim 1, Stautner et al. ("Stautner") teaches an electronic program guide (EPG) comprising: defining a logical grid on said display, said grid having a plurality of columns and a plurality of rows (col. 4, lines 29-57), wherein each said column has associated therewith a beginning time and an end of a time period (Fig. 1—10; col. 3, lines 30-33); displaying in a first cell formed at an intersection of a first row and a first column, program information for a first program associated with a first source (Fig. 4—CNN, channel 22); and displaying in a second cell formed at an intersection of

said first row and a second column, program information for a second program associated with a second source (Fig. 4—LOCAL NEWS, channel 51).

Stautner teaches displaying the described program guide on a personal computer display, however, fails to teach displaying the electronic program guide on a remote control comprising a display and wherein the program information is based on criteria specified in a profile.

In analogous art, Bedard teaches program information is based on criteria specified in a profile. A viewer profile that is provided for use in a television viewing environment will monitor a viewer's viewing behavior to determine the viewer's preferred channels and the types or categories of television programming that the viewer prefers on those channels. The profile can be used to tailor an electronic program guide's (EPG) presentation of television programming (col. 3, lines 33-56). The rows (Fig. 4—404) can be configured by the EPG in accordance with the viewer profile such that the preferred channels or preferred categories of programming are displayed at the top of table (Fig. 4—402; col. 7, lines 19-27).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Stautner by having the program information be based on criteria specified in a profile, as taught by Bedard, in order to provide faster access to information concerning the viewer's preferred channels and/or programming categories (Bedard: col. 3, lines 45-49).

Stautner and Bedard, however, fail to teach displaying the electronic program guide on a remote control comprising a display.

In analogous art, Nelson teaches a remote control unit, and method (col. 1, lines 61-62), with a display for displaying television program schedule items, allowing a user to scroll through the list and select a television program (col. 2, lines 2-5).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Stautner and Bedard to include the program guide of Stautner in the remote control of Nelson in order to remotely program a television, videocassette recorder, etc. (col. 1, lines 38-42) using the display mechanism with programming schedule items displayed.

In regards to claim 2, Stautner teaches the step of displaying in a third cell within a second row, program information for a third program, wherein said first, second, and third programs satisfy criteria associated with a single logical user (Fig. 4—"TOPIC" column; col. 7, lines 57-58—store information associated with a given user).

In regards to claim 3, Stautner teaches wherein said program information for said first and second programs comprise title-based information (Fig. 4—CNN, LOCAL NEWS, etc.; col. 4, lines 37-39).

In regards to claim 4, Stautner teaches wherein said first and second programs are associated with a first program category (Fig. 4—NEWS describes the category of the first row of the EPG).

In regards to claim 5, Stautner teaches wherein said first and second programs are associated with a first program category and said third program is associated with a second program category (Fig. 4—NEWS describes the category of the first row of the EPG and SPORTS describes the category of the second row of the EPG).

In regards to claim 6, Stautner teaches wherein a first icon associated with said first program category is displayed on said display (Figs. 2, 3 & 4—the triangle, circle and square are icons that can provide links to advertising graphics; col. 3, lines 56-59; col. 5, lines 15-19).

In regards to claim 7, Stautner teaches wherein a first icon associated with said first program category is displayed on said display and a second icon associated with said second program category is displayed on said display (Figs. 2, 3 & 4—the triangle, upside down triangle, circle and square are icons that can provide links to advertising graphics; col. 3, lines 56-59; col. 5, lines 15-19 & 36-37).

In regards to claim 9, Stautner teaches wherein the data comprises program information for a plurality of programs available from a plurality of sources (Fig. 4—figure displays program information, i.e. titles, from different sources, such as CNN and the local news; abstract—“integrated content guide for multiple sources is provided”).

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In regards to claim 10, Stautner teaches wherein said plurality of sources comprises a television broadcast channel (col. 1, lines 52-54).

In regards to claim 11, Stautner teaches wherein said television broadcast channel is a digital broadcast channel (col. 1, lines 51-52).

In regards to claim 12, Stautner teaches wherein said plurality of sources comprises a satellite broadcast channel (col. 1, line 56).

In regards to claim 13, Stautner teaches the step of displaying a physical representation of at least a portion of said grid on said display (Fig. 4—rows and columns).

In regards to claim 14, Stautner teaches the step of displaying on said display at least one of the times associated with said first column (Fig. 4—9:30pm is displayed according the start time of the first column; col. 3, lines 30-33).

In regards to claim 15, Stautner teaches wherein a timeslot associated with said first program comprises at least two cells (Fig. 5—timeslot for first program, "Football: Packers vs. Cowboys", comprises at least two cells).

In regards to claim 16, Stautner teaches wherein said first program represents ongoing content (Fig. 4—any program within the program guide could represent ongoing content).

In regards to claim 17, Stautner teaches a method of displaying electronic program guide (EPG) data on a remote control comprising a display, comprising: defining a logical grid on said display of the remote control, said grid having a plurality of columns and a plurality of rows (col. 4, lines 29-57), wherein each column has associated therewith a beginning time and an end of a time period (Fig. 1—10; col. 3, lines 30-33); displaying in a first cell formed at an intersection of a first column and a first row, program information for a first program associated with a first source (Fig. 4—CNN, channel 22).

Stautner fails to explicitly teach displaying in a second cell formed at an intersection of a second column and a second row, program information for a second program associated with said first source.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to rearrange the display of the individual cells in order to place program information at the intersection of a second column and a second row that is associated with the first source because the user can issue a command to the system that causes a rearrangement and resorting of the display of the individual cells, as taught by Stautner, in order to provide a more convenient program guide to a user based upon that user's interest (Stautner: Fig. 4; col. 3, lines 22-23; col. 8, lines 4-6).

Also, in regards to claim 17, Stautner teaches displaying the described program guide on a personal computer display, but fails to teach displaying the electronic program guide on a remote control comprising a display and wherein the program information is based on criteria specified in a profile.

In analogous art, Bedard teaches program information is based on criteria specified in a profile. A viewer profile that is provided for use in a television viewing environment will monitor a viewer's viewing behavior to determine the viewer's preferred channels and the types or categories of television programming that the viewer prefers on those channels. The profile can be used to tailor an electronic program guide's (EPG) presentation of television programming (col. 3, lines 33-56). The rows (Fig. 4—404) can be configured by the EPG in accordance with the viewer profile such that the preferred channels or preferred categories of programming are displayed at the top of table (Fig. 4—402; col. 7, lines 19-27).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Stautner by having the program information be based on criteria specified in a profile, as taught by Bedard, in order to provide faster access to information concerning the viewer's preferred channels and/or programming categories (Bedard: col. 3, lines 45-49).

Stautner and Bedard, however, fail to teach displaying the electronic program guide on a remote control comprising a display.

In analogous art, Nelson teaches a remote control unit, and method (col. 1, lines 61-62), with a display for displaying television program schedule items, allowing a user to scroll through the list and select a television program (col. 2, lines 2-5).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Stautner and Bedard to include the program guide of Stautner in the remote control of Nelson in order to remotely program a television, videocassette recorder, etc. (col. 1, lines 38-42) using the display mechanism with programming schedule items displayed.

In regards to claim 18, Stautner teaches wherein said first and second programs satisfy criteria associated with a single logical user (Fig. 4—"TOPIC" column; col. 7, lines 57-58—store information associated with a given user).

In regards to claim 19, Stautner teaches wherein the program information for said first and second programs comprises title-based information (Fig. 4—CNN, LOCAL NEWS, etc.; col. 4, lines 37-39).

In regards to claim 20, Stautner teaches wherein said first program is associated with a first program category and said second program is associated with a second program category (Fig. 4—NEWS describes the category of the first row of the EPG and SPORTS describes the category of the second row of the EPG).

In regards to claim 21, Stautner teaches wherein a first icon associated with said first program category is displayed on said display (Figs. 2, 3 & 4—the triangle, circle and square are icons that can provide links to advertising graphics; col. 3, lines 56-59; col. 5, lines 15-19).

In regards to claim 23, Stautner teaches wherein the data comprises program information for a plurality of programs available from a plurality of sources (Fig. 4—figure displays program information, i.e. titles, from different sources, such as CNN and the local news; abstract—“integrated content guide for multiple sources is provided”).

In regards to claim 24, Stautner teaches wherein said plurality of sources comprises a television broadcast channel (col. 1, lines 52-54).

In regards to claim 25, Stautner teaches wherein said television broadcast channel is a digital broadcast channel (col. 1, lines 51-52).

In regards to claim 26, Stautner teaches wherein said plurality of sources comprises a satellite broadcast channel (col. 1, line 56).

In regards to claim 27, Stautner teaches displaying a physical representation of at least a portion of said grid on said display (Fig. 4—rows and columns).

In regards to claim 28, Stautner teaches displaying on the display at least one of the times associated with said first column (Fig. 4—9:30pm is displayed according the start time of the first column; col. 3, lines 30-33).

In regards to claim 29, Stautner teaches wherein a timeslot associated with said first program comprises at least two cells (Fig. 5—timeslot for first program, "Football: Packers vs. Cowboys", comprises at least two cells).

In regards to claim 30, Stautner teaches wherein said first program represents ongoing content (Fig. 4—any program within the program guide could represent ongoing content).

In regards to claim 31, Stautner teaches an apparatus for displaying an electronic program guide (EPG) data comprising: a personal computer system display screen; a logical grid defined on said display, said grid having a plurality of columns and a plurality of rows (col. 4, lines 29-57), wherein each said column has associated therewith a beginning time and an end of a time period (Fig. 1—10; col. 3, lines 30-33); program information for a first program associated with a first source displayed in a first cell formed at an intersection of a first row and a first column (Fig. 4—CNN, channel 22); and program information for a second program associated with a second source displayed in a second cell formed at an intersection of said first row and a second column (Fig. 4—LOCAL NEWS, channel 51).

Stautner teaches displaying the described program guide on a personal computer display. Stautner, however, fails to teach a remote control capable of sending wireless commands and a display incorporated on the remote control where a logical grid is displayed and wherein the program information is based on criteria specified in a profile.

In analogous art, Bedard teaches program information is based on criteria specified in a profile. A viewer profile that is provided for use in a television viewing environment will monitor a viewer's viewing behavior to determine the viewer's preferred channels and the types or categories of television programming that the viewer prefers on those channels. The profile can be used to tailor an electronic program guide's (EPG) presentation of television programming (col. 3, lines 33-56). The rows (Fig. 4—404) can be configured by the EPG in accordance with the viewer profile such that the preferred channels or preferred categories of programming are displayed at the top of table (Fig. 4—402; col. 7, lines 19-27).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Stautner by having the program information be based on criteria specified in a profile, as taught by Bedard, in order to provide faster access to information concerning the viewer's preferred channels and/or programming categories (Bedard: col. 3, lines 45-49).

Stautner and Bedard, however, fail to teach a remote control capable of sending wireless commands and a display incorporated on the remote control where a logical grid is displayed.

In analogous art, Nelson teaches a remote control unit, and method (col. 1, lines 61-62), with a display for displaying television program schedule items, allowing a user to scroll through the list and select a television program (col. 2, lines 2-5).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Stautner and Bedard to include the program guide of Stautner in the remote control of Nelson in order to remotely program a television, videocassette recorder, etc. (col. 1, lines 38-42) using the display mechanism with programming schedule items displayed.

In regards to claim 32, Stautner teaches program information for a third program displayed in a third cell within a second row, wherein said first, second, and third programs satisfy criteria associated with single logical user (Fig. 4—"TOPIC" column; col. 7, lines 57-58—store information associated with a given user).

In regards to claim 33, Stautner teaches wherein said program information for said first program and said second program comprises title-based information (Fig. 4—CNN, LOCAL NEWS, etc.; col. 4, lines 37-39).

In regards to claim 34, Stautner teaches wherein said first program and second program are associated with a first program category (Fig. 4—NEWS describes the category of the first row of the EPG).

In regards to claim 35, Stautner teaches wherein said first program and said second program are associated with a first program category and said third program is associated with a second program category (Fig. 4—NEWS describes the category of the first row of the EPG and SPORTS describes the category of the second row of the EPG).

In regards to claim 36, Stautner teaches wherein a first icon associated with said first program category is displayed on said display (Figs. 2, 3 & 4—the triangle, circle and square are icons that can provide links to advertising graphics; col. 3, lines 56-59; col. 5, lines 15-19).

In regards to claim 37, Stautner teaches wherein a first icon associated with the first program category is displayed on said display and a second icon associated with said second program category is displayed on said display (Figs. 2, 3 & 4—the triangle, upside down triangle, circle and square are icons that can provide links to advertising graphics; col. 3, lines 56-59; col. 5, lines 15-19 & 36-37).

In regards to claim 39, Stautner teaches wherein the data comprises program information for a plurality of programs available from a plurality of sources (Fig. 4—figure displays program information, i.e. titles, from different sources, such as CNN and the local news; abstract—"integrated content guide for multiple sources is provided").

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In regards to claim 40, Stautner teaches wherein said plurality of sources comprises a television broadcast channel (col. 1, lines 52-54).

In regards to claim 41, Stautner teaches wherein said television broadcast channel is a digital broadcast channel (col. 1, lines 51-52).

In regards to claim 42, Stautner teaches wherein said plurality of sources comprises a satellite broadcast channel (col. 1, line 56).

In regards to claim 43, Stautner teaches a display of a physical representation of at least a portion of said grid (Fig. 4—rows and columns).

In regards to claim 44, Stautner teaches a display of at least one of said times associated with said first column (Fig. 4—9:30pm is displayed according the start time of the first column; col. 3, lines 30-33).

In regards to claim 45, Stautner teaches wherein said first program comprises at least two cells to which a timeslot is associated therewith (Fig. 5—timeslot for first program, "Football: Packers vs. Cowboys", comprises at least two cells).

In regards to claim 46, Stautner teaches wherein said first program represents ongoing content (Fig. 4—any program within the program guide could represent ongoing content).

In regards to claim 47, Stautner teaches an apparatus for displaying electronic program guide (EPG) data comprising; a personal computer system display screen; a logical grid defined on said display, said grid having a plurality of columns and a plurality of rows (col. 4, lines 29-57), wherein each column has associated therewith a beginning time and an end of a time period (Fig. 1—10; col. 3, lines 30-33); program information for a first program associated with a first source displayed in a first cell formed at an intersection of a first column and a first row (Fig. 4—CNN, channel 22).

Stautner fails to explicitly teach program information for a second program associated with a first source displayed in a second cell formed at an intersection of a second column and a second row.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to rearrange the display of the individual cells in order to place program information at the intersection of a second column and a second row that is associated with the first source because the user can issue a command to the system that causes a rearrangement and resorting of the display of the individual cells in order to provide a more convenient program guide to a user based upon that user's interest (Fig. 4; col. 3, lines 22-23; col. 8, lines 4-6).

Also, in regards to claim 47, Stautner teaches displaying the described program guide on a personal computer display. Stautner, however, fails to teach a remote control capable of sending wireless commands and a display incorporated on the remote control where a logical grid is displayed and wherein the program information is based on criteria specified in a profile.

In analogous art, Bedard teaches program information is based on criteria specified in a profile. A viewer profile that is provided for use in a television viewing environment will monitor a viewer's viewing behavior to determine the viewer's preferred channels and the types or categories of television programming that the viewer prefers on those channels. The profile can be used to tailor an electronic program guide's (EPG) presentation of television programming (col. 3, lines 33-56). The rows (Fig. 4—404) can be configured by the EPG in accordance with the viewer profile such that the preferred channels or preferred categories of programming are displayed at the top of table (Fig. 4—402; col. 7, lines 19-27).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Stautner by having the program information be based on criteria specified in a profile, as taught by Bedard, in order to provide faster access to information concerning the viewer's preferred channels and/or programming categories (Bedard: col. 3, lines 45-49).

Stautner and Bedard, however, fail to teach a remote control capable of sending wireless commands and a display incorporated on the remote control where a logical grid is displayed.

In analogous art, Nelson teaches a remote control unit, and method (col. 1, lines 61-62), with a display for displaying television program schedule items, allowing a user to scroll through the list and select a television program (col. 2, lines 2-5).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Stautner and Bedard to include the program guide of Stautner in the remote control of Nelson in order to remotely program a television, videocassette recorder, etc. (col. 1, lines 38-42) using the display mechanism with programming schedule items displayed.

In regards to claim 48, Stautner wherein said first program and said second program satisfy criteria associated with a single logical user (Fig. 4—"TOPIC" column; col. 7, lines 57-58—store information associated with a given user).

In regards to claim 49, Stautner teaches wherein said program information for said first program and said second program comprises title-based information (Fig. 4—CNN, LOCAL NEWS, etc.; col. 4, lines 37-39).

In regards to claim 50, Stautner teaches wherein said first program is associated with a first program category and said second program is associated with a second program category (Fig. 4—NEWS describes the category of the first row of the EPG and SPORTS describes the category of the second row of the EPG).

In regards to claim 51, Stautner teaches wherein a first icon associated with said first program category is displayed on said display (Figs. 2, 3 & 4—the triangle, circle and square are icons that can provide links to advertising graphics; col. 3, lines 56-59; col. 5, lines 15-19).

In regards to claim 53, Stautner teaches wherein said data comprises program information for a plurality of programs available from a plurality of sources (Fig. 4—figure displays program information, i.e. titles, from different sources, such as CNN and the local news; abstract—“integrated content guide for multiple sources is provided”).

In regards to claim 54, Stautner teaches wherein said plurality of sources comprises a television broadcast channel (col. 1, lines 52-54).

In regards to claim 55, Stautner teaches wherein said television broadcast channel is a digital broadcast channel (col. 1, lines 51-52).

In regards to claim 56, Stautner teaches wherein said plurality of sources comprises a satellite broadcast channel (col. 1, line 56).

In regards to claim 57, Stautner teaches a display of a physical representation of at least a portion of said grid (Fig. 4—rows and columns).

In regards to claim 58, Stautner teaches a display of at least one of said times associated with said first column (Fig. 4—9:30pm is displayed according the start time of the first column; col. 3, lines 30-33).

In regards to claim 59, Stautner teaches wherein a timeslot associated with said first program comprises at least two cells (Fig. 5—timeslot for first program, "Football: Packers vs. Cowboys", comprises at least two cells).

In regards to claim 60, Stautner teaches wherein said program content represents ongoing content (Fig. 4—any program within the program guide could represent ongoing content).

4. Claims 1, 2, 8, 17, 18, 22, 31, 32, 38, 47, 48 and 52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stautner in view of Bedard, and further in view of Darbee et al. (US 6,130,726, Darbee).

The limitations of claims 1, 2, 17, 18, 31, 32, 47 and 48 in regards to Stautner in view of Bedard have been discussed above. Again, Stautner and Bedard fail to teach displaying the electronic program guide on a remote control comprising a display.

In analogous art, Darbee et al. ("Darbee") teaches a program guide on a remote control display (Fig. 1—14). The remote control has a graphic display for depicting program scheduling and/or advertising without causing an interruption in viewing content (col. 2, lines 46-449).

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Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the invention of Stautner and Bedard to include the program guide of Stautner in the remote control of Darbee in order to deliver both program scheduling and advertising data to a user without causing an interruption in any programming that currently is being viewed by the user (col. 2, lines 29-32).

In regards to claims 8, 22, 38 and 52, Stautner fails to teach the data is displayed in a font or set of fonts having predetermined size and shape attributes to suit said logical user.

In analogous art, Darbee teaches the ability to vary the size of the font(s) used for the program guide as well as the ability to use different character sets and languages on the display of the remote control unit (col. 10, lines 51-59).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Stautner and Bedard to allow the data to be displayed in different, predetermined sizes and shapes chosen by the user, as taught by Darbee, in order to enable users with impaired vision to more easily view the data or to enable users with better-quality vision to view more information in the same area (Darbee: col. 10, lines 54-59).

Conclusion

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP

§ 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

US 5,758,259, Lawler, teaches an electronic program guide with a criteria panel which identifies multiple different criteria for selecting preferred programming and a grid with program titles listed in columns and rows according to the certain criteria.

US 6,532,592, Shintani et al., teaches a remote control unit that can receive electronic program guide information from a television and display the program guide on a display device on the remote control.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shelton Austin whose telephone number is (571) 272-9385. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 8:00-5:30. The examiner can also be reached on Fridays from 9:00-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris Grant, whose telephone number is (571) 272-7294, can be reached on Monday through Friday from 7:30-5:00. The supervisor can also be reached on alternate Fridays from 9:00-4:00. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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